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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.
Henceforth all obituaries, cards of thanks, lodge notices, notices of all public affairs charging admission, citations, executors' notices, notices of discharge, etc., will be charged for at the legal rate.
There has been some uncertainty in the minds of our friends as to what news really is. The items mentioned above are not news items, nor can we accept such items for publication except as advertising.

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1915.

Will you have grape juice or Wilson?

Between Wilson and Bryan there are few who will remain neutral.

Whatever else may be said of Mr. Bryan, his sincerity at least is beyond question.

The ratio of 16-1 is just about the comparative worth of Mr. Bryan and many of his critics.

Remember the need of a clean-up campaign and help us agitate the need of it in Lancaster.

In community work there is a part for every citizen to perform. Then find out how you can best help your town and get busy.

Lancaster has made many improvements recently and much permanent work is now in progress, but the need of adequate library facilities still confronts us.

The appearance of our streets littered with paper and other trash and bordered in many places with a fringe of weeds proclaims to every passerby the need of street cleaning.

If you can't get in line for progress, in both town and county, for gracious sake don't get in the way, for you will accomplish nothing save having yourself run over.

If any of our readers are planning to build houses, they will be wise to build now, or as soon as possible, for building costs far less now than formerly and is sure to cost more after awhile.

If the average policeman were as efficient in service as Greenville's new chief is large in size, municipalities would not be annoyed with many problems that now confront them.

We congratulate The Chester News on the way it is "whooping things up" over in the Hill City. If things don't soon begin to hum over there it won't be the fault of The News.

Mr. Bryan is for peace but if war should come he can be counted upon, as was the case when the United States was at war with Spain. He organized a regiment and tendered it to the government.

"A newspaper or a politician that appeals solely to the passions of the people will not go very far, nor very high."—Anderson Mail. Time was when they did untold harm but the people have about found them out.

President Wilson's policy of "watchful waiting" as regards Mexico has turned out to be the right thing. His attitude towards Germany's disregard of the rights of neutral nations on the high seas will also doubtless prove in the end to be right.

The Chester News says that some of the citizens in that town "are wondering why a short strip of cement sidewalk on York street 'bucked.'" The News explains the cause of the bucking by saying: "If we had as much opposition as cement sidewalks in Chester we would buck too. Wouldn't you?" There has been some bucking in Lancaster likewise, but this bucking on the part of a few only made the progressive element more determined and many miles of sidewalks have been laid. Take courage, contemporaries, as long as the world lasts there will be buckers.

"A MOTHER" ANSWERED.

It is with pleasure that we give space today to "A Mother," in whose communication is presented "the other side" of the question of woman suffrage. We enjoy a discussion of any live subject and credit those who differ from us with as honest convictions as those by which we are actuated. This mother is conscientious in her advocacy of woman suffrage, just as we are in our opposition to it. It is not our intention here to discuss the question in detail but merely to defend our former statements and to comment on a few statements made by "A Mother."

In the first place, if our correspondent will make reference to the paragraph she will see that there was no "argument" in The News of last Tuesday "to the effect that women should not vote because no woman is equal to Woodrow Wilson." She will find instead a quotation which reads, "Show me the woman in the United States who could take Woodrow Wilson's place." Our correspondent has not done this but asks as a "counter stroke" "How many men are the equal of Jane Addams?" As a worker for social reform there is no man who has done more for the uplift of neglected humanity than Jane Addams, the founder of the splendid "Hull House" system in Chicago and she accomplished enough without the ballot in that city alone to make her name loved and revered the world over and yet we are confident that neither Jane Addams nor any other woman could take Woodrow Wilson's place; neither in our judgment could Woodrow Wilson fill Jane Addams' place as she has filled it. Neither Semirimis, nor Victoria could handle the intricate governmental problems of today any better than can their modern sisters. Women have indeed very fortunately, been trained away from executive positions" such at least as tend towards their political advancement. We are thankful that their training has been along other lines, that it has been domestic rather than political.

As to her classification of the opponents of woman suffrage we note that the writer says her list is incomplete. More important perhaps than some of the classes she has mentioned is that great body of intelligent men and women who oppose woman suffrage because they are fearful that after a fair trial it will hinder rather than help the nation or state which grants it. To this class belong many whose reasoning is logical and whose interest in the welfare of society is just as deep and sincere. Two classifications made by our correspondent are so dissimilar as to interest us intensely. They are the first and the last opponents she mentions—"the uneducated masses" and "the German nation." Germany, which is generally recognized as having a highly educated citizenship, as having evolved the most efficient educational system in the world, is, our correspondent tells us, without a suffrage league. If this is the tendency of education, perhaps Germany in spite of having half the civilized world in arms against her, may yet enjoy the blessing of peace at home.

FOR BUSINESS MEN ONLY.

There are a few business men in our territory who have the idea that people do not read the advertisements that appear in The News. These may have good grounds for their idea, but it is a mistaken one. Only a few days ago a lady in one of the stores of Lancaster told a companion that she read everything in the paper, and that the ads were most interesting in the variety of their offerings and displays.

The business men who believe that their ads are not read are open to conviction, we think, and while the Advertisers' Contest is on is a good time to give advertising an inning and see what the results will be.

To the really interested man who will call upon us for our services we have a gilt-edged proposition to make, one that will insure him against loss or undue "expense." Advertising is not an "expense." It is one of the investments that the wide-awake man makes to help him get ahead in the business game.

Phone 323 and The News man will bring you his proposition.

How about booster trips, occasionally, by our business men into different parts of the county? There are enough automobiles in town to carry the business men out into the rural districts to mingle with their country cousins. Won't the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce pull off an initial trip at an early date?

MR. BRYAN'S RESIGNATION.

It is a matter of great regret that the country is to lose the services of William Jennings Bryan as secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet. There are politicians, newspapers and others who will heap abuse and censure upon him for the step he has taken. While we think he has made a mistake in leaving the cabinet in this crisis confronting the United States, yet we believe he has been actuated by the best of motives in what he has done. Duty has always been Mr. Bryan's guiding principle. When he found he could not follow his chief, he conceived it to be his duty to retire. The Democratic party owes Mr. Bryan too much to engage now in criticism of him for he has long been in the forefront of the fight for the people against the big interests. He made a masterly fight against these interests at the Democratic convention in Baltimore and as a result, Woodrow Wilson received the nomination. Long before our great President was known to politics, Mr. Bryan was the standard bearer of progressive democracy. If Mr. Bryan had been more of a time-server and engaged in looking towards his own interests, he would not so often have taken steps which never failed to bring criticism upon himself, but because he has a sense of honor and responsibility he has always subordinated self to what he conceived to be his duty to others. His disregard of consequences to himself was never better illustrated than upon the return from his world tour in 1908, when he found himself the idol of the people, yet advocated in his speech at the Madison Square Garden, the government ownership of railroads, which unpopular measure doubtless lost him the presidency. As to what the result of his retirement from the cabinet at this particular juncture will be, time alone can tell, but of one thing we may be sure, and that is, that in the future, as he has always been in the past, William Jennings Bryan will be found battling for the rights of the people, and always within the Democratic party. No higher tribute could have been paid to any man's fidelity and patriotism than was paid by Woodrow Wilson in his letter accepting Mr. Bryan's resignation, particularly this part of that letter:

"I accept it with much more than deep regret and with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. Our judgment has accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purposes of the administration has been generous and loyal beyond praise; your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of every great opportunity for service it offered has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, but only in the method by which we seek it."

PRESIDENT WILSON RIGHT.

Mr. Bryan, in our opinion, put the wrong construction on the last note sent to the German government. It makes no new issue, but simply emphasizes the position that the Lusitania, being an unarmed passenger vessel, "only her actual resistance to capture, or refusal to stop when ordered to do so, for the purpose of visit, could have afforded the commander of the submarine any justification for so much as putting the lives of those on board the ship in jeopardy," says the note. "It is upon this principle of humanity, as well as upon the law founded upon this principle that the United States must stand." The main issue in contention is pointed out in the note as follows:

"Whatever be the other facts regarding the Lusitania, the principal fact is that a great steamer, primarily and chiefly a conveyance for passengers, and carrying more than a thousand souls who had no part or lot in the conduct of the war, was torpedoed and sunk without so much as a challenge or a warning, and that men, women and children were sent to their death in circumstances unparalleled in modern warfare. The fact that more than one hundred American citizens were among those who perished made it the duty of the government of the United States to speak of these things and once more with solemn emphasis, to call the attention of the Imperial German government to the grave responsibility which the government of the United States conceives that it has incurred in this tragic occurrence, and to the indisputable principle upon which that responsibility rests."

If standing up for the rights of the United States, which have been grossly violated, leads to war, the

fault does not lie with the United States. Time will prove that President Wilson is right in the position he has taken. At any rate he will find a united country behind him.

IN BEHALF WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

"A Mother" Presents Her Reasons For Favoring It.

To the Editor of The News:
I was very impressed by the argument in yesterday's News to the effect that women should not vote because no woman is equal to Woodrow Wilson. This argument is unanswerable from the fact that every one of the forty million American men are perfectly capable of taking Wilson's place and thereby entirely eligible to vote.

As a counter stroke let me ask how many men are equal to Jane Addams? One of the million things she has done is to save ten thousand girls and boys from moral ruin. If values are summed up, perhaps that is greater than being President. No man has done that lately, therefore men should be disenfranchised. Women have always been trained away from executive positions, but a glance over the annals of history indicate that when leadership has been thrust upon them from Semirimis to Victoria, their record as rulers has been unprecedented as a time of prosperity and advancement. It is very well to theorize on what women might do, but a few unquestioned facts are worth more than a juggle of theories.

A pretty good way to sum of woman's suffrage, or co-operation of the sexes as it should be called, is to study what its advocates stand for and the calibre of its enemies. Below is an incomplete list, but one that stands for itself and speaks in ten thousand languages:

The enemies of woman suffrage: The uneducated masses. I have scarcely known an uneducated person to advocate this greatest reform of modern times. In fact the bitterest opponent is the man who works his wife and children like cattle. He will tell you between tobacco spits that woman's place is in the home.

The anti-suffragist, who travels thousands of miles to convince people that woman's place is in the home.

The saloon keeper. The white slave. Red light habitues. Wife beaters.

Mothers, who have lost their children because our man-made laws give them to the father, although he be a moral degenerate. The only child that is the mother's, without question, is the illegitimate.

The German nation. Germany is the only civilized country where women have been unable to organize a suffrage league. Even Turkey has a movement, the scandal of the country since Turkish suffragists go abroad with faces uncovered and have dared raise their voice against the harem.

Advocates of woman's suffrage are real Democrats. Wives, mothers, daughters of drinking men, horses and dogs of drinking men, men and women who believe in a single standard of morals. Mothers who believe they should have at least a half interest in their own children. Eight states, where men alone make the laws have this law. The twelve suffrage states all have it.

Men and women, who believe that whiskey and prostitution can be more speedily eliminated by the addition of the mothers' vote. Women

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And the deeds of the wise and the fools,
Have been written by prophets and sages—
And bound in the rawhides of man,
Then God will blue-pencil its pages,
As only the Almighty can.

He will see the proud kings of the ages
As they rot in their filigreed graves
And measure their virtue with gauges.
That He'll use for both masters and slaves;
While princes whose caskets were flags
With laurel wreaths, honors and freighted
May find that their souls have been rated
'Neath beggar-men buried in rags.

So in the long it is better
To lead our lives humbly contrite;
Find truth, live it up to the letter,
With hearts free from rancor and spite;
For the Great Proofreader is tracing
Man's record straight back to the flood,
And we hope for a merciful placing
In the book that is printed in blood.
—New York Herald.

A thin man is in difficulties for life, but a thin woman can join the buy-a-bale movement and reconstruct her figure to suit.

Ah! the Invigorating Whiff of the Pine Forest!

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Pine Forest brought back by Dr. Bells Pine-Tar-Honey. Antiseptic and healing. Buy a bottle today. All Druggists, 25c.

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